

MINUTES
139th MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

held on Thursday, March 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m. in 352 Parker

PRESENT:	Mark Whitmore, Chair	G. Robinson
	A. Gerhard	M. Abrahams
	B. Macpherson	J. Williams
	D. Gillis	D. Schroeder
	N. Davison	J. Cullen
	D. Scuse	M. Shantz, Secretary
REGRETS:	T. de Kievit	W. Buchannon
	R. Wilson	J. Kim
GUESTS:	J. McConnell	

After the meeting, the Dean noted that this was the last meeting for Arthur Gerhard and Gordon Robinson. He would like to thank them for their many years of service on this committee and wishes them well for the future.

1. Approval of Minutes

Two changes were noted to the minutes of the 138th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 19, 2004:

- (1) Item 5. Dean's Report - 3rd last bullet under Differential Fees and Scholarships for International Graduate Students should read:
It is the intent that 80% of differential fees for international graduate students will be returned to them in the form of scholarships. A committee has been established to develop a policy to meet these goals.
- (2) Item 6. Other Business - The first line should read: Revised Faculty Endowment Fund Terms of Reference were "moved"... instead of "approved".

The revised minutes were approved.

2. Course and Program Changes

Gordon Robinson outlined the changes which were approved by the Faculty Committee on Courses and noted the following modification:
The prerequisites for the Marine Biodiversity course (022.4AA) should read "022.237 (001.237 or 065.237) or 022.229 (or 001.228) or consent of department."

The revised course and program changes were moved by Dr. Robinson on behalf of the Committee on Courses and seconded by D. Scuse.

MOTION: CARRIED

3. Dean's Report

Dean Whitmore reported on the following:

3.1 SIP – Academic Staff Positions

The searches for the Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics and Astronomy positions are moving along fine.

3.2 Fall SIP

We received 3 (Biochemistry, Statistics and Microbiology) of the 13 requested positions and searches are now underway.

3.3 Joint Honours Programs

The previously outstanding Joint Honours Programs in Physics & Astronomy and Computer Science have been approved by COPSE.

3.4 Canada Research Chairs

The two Tier I Canada Research Chairs allocated to the Faculty of Science are in the areas of advanced materials and structural biology. The search process is underway and to date approximately 25 applications have been received for advanced materials and 8 applications received for structural biology.

3.5 Westgrid

Various options were considered, with Westgrid being the preference, and formal arrangements have now been made with Westgrid. Byron Southern is the lead for this project at the U of M campus.

3.6 Faculty of Science Endowment Fund

A total of \$232,510 was awarded this year, with \$40,000 of that total coming from the Dean of Science budget.

3.7 Referencing of Courses

The change from number to letter designation has been approved by Senate.

3.8 CFI

The call for letters of intent for the Spring 2005 CFI competition was faxed to Department Heads on March 2nd. The CFI spring deadline date has yet to be confirmed. The funds for this competition will be about half of what was available for the last competition.

3.9 Meeting of Deans

The Dean of Environment will be chairing a meeting of approximately six Deans across campus to discuss Environment and Environmental Studies.

4. Other Business

4.1 Gordon Robinson reported that the university is in the process of establishing international relationships with two institutions:

- (1) Lanzhou University, China - The Department of Physics and Astronomy had a recent working relationship with Lanzhou University through a CIDA project and Lanzhou is anxious to maintain a relationship with the University of Manitoba. A Memo of Agreement has been approved and Lanzhou hopes to establish a system where the first two undergraduate years are taught at Lanzhou, with the remainder being taught at U of M. There is an open invitation for faculty to move between the institutions. We should see a good influx of students from Lanzhou.
- (2) Yeditepe University, Turkey - A Memo of Agreement is underway to establish an international exchange program.

4.2 Mark Abrahams reported that a Memo of Understanding has been completed with Hunan University for a graduate level research program at the U of M. Students will be fully funded and will receive additional English training if necessary. Course selection is still under discussion. A request for comments on course selection has been sent to Department Heads and Department Graduate Chairs

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 22, 2005
TO: Faculty Executive Council, Faculty of Science
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Dean's Office
RE: **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 139th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in Room 352 Parker Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 138th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council held October 19, 2004. (enclosed)
2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)
3. Dean's Report
4. Other Business

Encl.